राजस्थान की उपर उल्लिखित योजनाओं तथा सूखा प्रवण क्षेत्र कार्यक्रम तथा रेगिस्तान विकास कार्यक्रमों के अन्तर्गत भी सहायता उपलब्ध है।

गेहूं, चना तथा मक्का के लिए विशेष खाद्यान्न उत्पादन कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत राजस्थान को प्रमाणित बीजों तथा कीटनाशक दवाइयों के इमदादशुदा वितरण के लिए 1988–89 में 342.55 लाख रुपये तथा 1989–90 में 199.85 लाख रुपये की सहायता दी गई थी। खरपतवार नियंत्रण तथा बीज वितरण के लिए राजस्थान की वर्ष 1990–91 के लिए 80 लाख रुपये की रकम आवंटित की गई है।

Setting up of Central Industrial Tribunals

584. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to set up Central Industrial Tribunals in the country during the next few years;

(b) if so, the locations thereof; and

(c) to what extent the industrial relation situation would improve due to setting up of these tribunals in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the current financial year, it is proposed to set up three more Central Industrial Tribunals-cum-Labour Courts, at the following places:

1. Noida
2. Ranchi
3. Bhopal

(c) Setting up of additional Industrial Tribunals-cum-Labour Courts would bring down the pendency of cases in the Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts. Also, it would be easier for the workers to approach them. Industrial relations situation would improve to this extent.

Setting up of human settlement management Institute

585. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Housing and Urban Development Corporation has set up a human settlement management institute in collaboration with the Institute of Housing Studies, New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the purpose of setting up of uch an institute; and

(c) to what extent the institute would provide or guide for best possible housing facilities etc.?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) (a) and (b) The Human Settlement Management Institute (HSMI) was set up by HUDCO in 1985, in order to provide training and research support for professionals working in the borrowing organisations and to establish a forum of interaction for administrators, professionals, researchers and others engaged with the issues and day to day practice of human settlement development.

(c) The Human Settlement Management Institute (HSMI) function as a national level Research and Training Institution in the field of housing and human settlements, collaborate under different programmes, with various specialised national institutions, as well as conducts regular training courses for the upgradation of technical and managerial skills of professionals engaged in the field of housing and human settlements.

Hostels for Scheduled Tribes

586. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hostels have been opened for scheduled tribes students by the States and voluntary organisations;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof Statewise; and

(c) what are the details of funds provided to voluntary organisations and State run hostels during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

Harassment of passengers of Mahakoshal Express

587. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the passengers of two tier and three tier sleeper coaches are being harassed by the unauthorised passengers who enters the reserved compartment of Mahakoshal Express by force ignoring threatening the passengers and Railways staff between Jabalpur and Jhansi;

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in affirmative, what steps have been taken by Government to check the harassment of authorised passengers and checking staff of the Railways;

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in negative, whether Government are considering to use Railways flying squad to ascertain and assess the tense situation prevalent in Mahakoshal Express created due to unauthorised passengers; and

(d) if so, by when and in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) A few instances have come to notice.

(b) to (d) Regular/intensive checks are being conducted by the Flying Squads in Mahakoshal Express to check the entry of unauthorised passengers in reserved coaches and persons found travelling unauthorisedly are dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Indian Railways Act.

Scarcity of drinking water in Madhya Pradesh

588. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a scarcity of drinking water in a number of districts in Madhya Pradesh;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof

(c) whether some of the districts of Madhya Pradesh have been facing the perennial shortage of drinking water;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) in what manner Government propose to make a long term plan to eradicate shortage of drinking water forever in these districts; and

(f) what are the plans of Government to use river water for meeting the shortage of drinking water in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) As per the information received from the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, 351 towns and 12180 villages in Madhya Pradesh are affected by scarcity of drinking water.

(c) and (d) The State Government has reported that due to scanty rainfall over the last year in major parts of Madhya Pradesh, all the 45 districts in the State are continuously affected by drinking water scarcity.

(e) The State Govt. has prepared a long term plan of Integrated Water Supply Projects for water conservation, water recharging and water shed management to tackle shortage of drinking water in the districts.

(f) The State Government has adopted river water as source of water supply wherever feasible and cost effective. At present, there are 116 towns in the State where the water supply schemes are based on river water.

589. [*Transferred to the 17th May, 1990*].